

To: Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

The state has to think of its citizens and their health and not allow biomass plants in Massachusetts. We need clean energy alternatives such as solar, geothermal, appropriately located wind and hydro, plus conservation and efficiency measures.

Take a harder look at the carbon impacts of CHP (combined Heat and Power) biomass plants. The Manomet study used unreasonable assumptions to make forest burning biomass look “less bad” than it really is. The model needs to be more realistic to match the realities on the ground.

The dollars the state may make accepting biomass plants will later be lost having to pay the health costs in future years of citizens affected by the polluted air.

Make Massachusetts a progressive state that relies on clean energy.

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